

REMARKS

This application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Examiner's Action dated June 13, 2005. Claims 1-16, 18, 20, 22, 27-28, 33-34, and 39 have been canceled and Claims 17, 19, 21, 23, 29, 31, and 35-38 have been amended without prejudice. New Claims 40-67 have been added. Reconsideration and full allowance are respectfully requested.

Initially, Applicant notes with appreciation the Examiner's indication that Claims 17, 19, 21, 23-26, 29-32 and 35-38 include allowable subject matter. Claims 17, 19, 21, 29-32 and 35-38 have been rewritten in independent form and minor amendments have been made for clarity. Claims 23-26 have been amended, directly or via dependency, to address an objection by the Examiner. It is therefore believed that all these claims are in condition for allowance. In addition, each of the newly added claims depends from at least one of these claims. Accordingly, all claims are believed to be in condition for allowance as presented.

Claims 20-26 and 39 were objected to because of certain informalities. These claims have been amended as required by the Examiner, or canceled, and it is therefore believed that this objection has been addressed.

Claims 16, 18, 20 and 22 are rejected under 35 USC § 102(b). All of these claims have been canceled.

Claims 27, 28, 33, 34 and 39 were rejected under 35 USC § 102(e) as being anticipated by Diab, et al ("Diab"). Applicant does not admit that Diab is prior art or that Diab teaches the subject matter of these claims. However, these claims have been canceled and it is therefore believed that this rejection has been obviated.

Based upon the foregoing, Applicant believes that all pending claims are in condition for allowance and such disposition is respectfully requested. In the event that a telephone conversation would further prosecution and/or expedite allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned.

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